

## Maui Wildfires Flexibilities Ending

The following flexibilities included in the original Appendix K during the Maui Wildfires PHE will no longer be available after **10/30/2024**. If any of these flexibilities are being utilized, please work with the participant, family, and case manager to resume regular operations, see “Service Resumes” column.

<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>FLEXIBILITY ENDING ON 10/30/2024</b>	<b>SERVICE RESUMES 10/31/2024</b>
Individualized Service Plan (ISP)	Allow case manager (CM) to authorize services retroactively, after services began.	Resume prior authorization of services before the waiver service starts.
Individualized Service Plan (ISP)	Allow CM to give verbal authorization to start services before signature is received.	Obtain the signed action plan and/or consent for services before the waiver service starts.
Request for Fair Hearings	Extend timeline for requesting a fair hearing to 180 days.	Resume timeline of 60 days to request a fair hearing.
Level of Care Re-Determinations	Extend date for annual level of care (LOC) re-determinations up to 365 days from the previous determination date.	Resume completing LOC re-determinations on the regular annual schedule.

The following flexibilities granted under Appendix K during the Maui Wildfires PHE will be available to **04/30/2025**, pending approval by CMS. If any of these flexibilities are being utilized, please work with the participant, family, and case manager to resume regular operations, see “Service Resumes” column.

<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>FLEXIBILITY ENDING ON 04/30/2025</b>	<b>SERVICE RESUMES 05/01/2025</b>
Individualized Service Plan (ISP)	Allow CM to authorize additional services exceeding the Individual Supports Budget (ISB) limit without Exceptions Review.	Resume Exception Review process for services exceeding the ISB limit.
Additional Residential Supports (ARS)	Allow extension of service beyond short-term limit of 60 days.	Resume Exception Review process requirements if requesting ARS beyond short-term use.
Adult Day Health (ADH)	Permit use of telehealth for delivery of services.	Resume in-person ADH services at the ADH location.
Adult Day Health (ADH)	Allow services to be provided to participants in the location where the participant is located, including home of the direct support professional (DSP), location where the participant evacuated, and temporary housing.	Resume ADH services at the ADH location.
Assistive Technology (AT) and Specialized	Allow an expedited process to purchase medically necessary AT and SMES to replace AT and SMES for participants who lost their	Resume the procurement process for the purchase of AT and SMES.

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Medical Equipment and Supplies (SMES)	previously purchased device or equipment due to the PHE.	
Personal Assistance/Habilitation (PAB)	Permit use of telehealth for delivery of services.	Resume in-person PAB services in the participant's home.
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Private Duty Nursing (PDN)	Allow services to exceed per-day and short-term service limits.	Resume Exception Review process requirements if requesting PDN beyond short-term limits.
Residential Habilitation (ResHab)	Allow services to be provided to participants in the location where the participant is located, including home of the direct support professional, location where the participant evacuated, and temporary housing. This also includes the use of unlicensed group homes when the licensed setting is inaccessible due to the PHE.	Resume ResHab services in licensed or certified residential settings.
Respite	Allow services to exceed limit of 760 hours per year with no requirement to complete the Exceptions Review process	Resume Exceptions Review process requirements if requesting Respite beyond limits.
Respite	Allow services to be provided to participants in the location where the participant is located, including home of the direct support professional, location where the participant evacuated, and temporary housing.	Resume Respite services in the participant's home, private residence of a respite care worker, or community setting.
Waiver Emergency Services – Emergency Outreach	Permit use of telehealth for delivery of services.	The outreach service must be face-to-face for a portion of the time of the visit based on the participant's needs.

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Legally Responsible Relatives	<p>Allow legally responsible relatives to be hired and provide services in the absence of DSP. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PAB</li> <li>- Community Learning Services</li> <li>- Respite</li> <li>- Chore</li> <li>- Non-Medical Transportation</li> </ul>	<p>Resume services provided by DSPs that meet the requirements in the Waiver Standards. Services paid through the Medicaid I/DD Waiver shall not be provided to a minor child, under 18 years of age, by the parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of the minor or to an adult participant by their spouse.</p>
Provider Qualification Requirements	Relax staff qualification requirements for new provisional staff hired during the PHE.	Meet all staff qualification requirements in the Waiver Standards.
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Provider Qualification Requirements	Expand provider qualifications to include any provider agency enrolled in QUEST Integration health plan networks performing similar work for PAB, ARS, CLS, Respite, PDN, and Chore.	Submit a Waiver Provider Application to become a Medicaid I/DD Waiver provider.
Increased Rates	Implement temporary rate adjustments (TRAs) for most services.	Resume approved service rates in the I/DD Waiver Rates. TRA authorizations end.
Retainer Payments	Allow providers to bill for retainer payments when unable to deliver certain services due to the PHE.	Resume regular claims and payments for waiver services